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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1641
SAID EL SHAMI)
Serial No.: 09/036,819) Examining Attorney:
Filed: March 9, 1998) S. Devi, Ph.D.
For: METHOD FOR MEASURING FREE) Date: September 17, 1999
LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL) Pasadena, California
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS)
FOR MEASURING SAME)

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 24, 1999.

In the claims, please cancel claim 41 and re-write that claim
as follows:

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53. A method for measuring the concentration of free
testosterone ligand in a biological fluid in the presence of bound
ligand and endogenous binding proteins, without disturbing the
equilibrium between said free ligand and protein-bound ligand,
which method comprises

(a) incubating, a sample of the biological fluid with (i) a